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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, PBOR, BF, US

SUBJECT: U.S.-BAHAMAS FISHERIES BOUNDARY

REF: 76 STATE 291156

1. DEPT HAS BEGUN CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, FEDERAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES, AND OTHER DOMESTIC INTERESTS REGARDING THE DELIMITATION OF A PROVISIONAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE BAHAMAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES UNDER THE U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT. THESE CONSULTATIONS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH GCOB, MUST BE CONCLUDED AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COAST GUARD PUBLISHED PRIOR TO MARCH 1 WHEN THE ACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE.

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2. IN VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT, WE FEEL CONSTRAINED TO CONSULT WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND FLORIDA STATE AUTHORITIES -- AND HOPEFULLY TO OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT -- BEFORE WE APPROACH GCOB. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS MAY RESULT IN PREMATURE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OUR POSITION, AND WE WISH TO AVOID PROVOKING ILL-ADVISED

BAHAMIAN COUNTER-ACTIONS BASED ON PRESS REPORTS OR  
RUMORS OF OUR INTENTIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR OR DCM SHOULD TAKE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY  
TO INFORM APPROPRIATE GCOB OFFICIALS THAT U.S. POSITION  
IS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH DOMESTIC INTEREST GROUPS, WITH  
THE POSSIBILITY THAT ELEMENTS OF THIS DISCUSSION MAY BE  
REPORTED IN PRESS OR ELSEWHERE. YOU MAY ASSURE GCOB  
THAT WE WILL INFORM THEM OF OUR POSITION BEFORE MARCH 1  
AND PRIOR TO OFFICIAL PUBLICATION. THEY SHOULD NOT BE  
ALARMED BY UNOFFICIAL VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHERS IN THE  
MEANTIME. YOU MAY INFORM GCOB THAT WE WILL REQUEST  
APPOINTMENT FOR DISCUSSION OF U.S. POSITION AS SOON AS  
ALL U.S. DOMESTIC INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND  
HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. (FYI: WE  
ARE THINKING OF SMALL GROUP VISITING NASSAU IN MID-  
FEBRUARY.)  
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